

CAMELFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending
31st December, 1947.

To the Chairman and Members of the Camelford Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Public Health Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1947, as per instructions set out in Circular 170/47, England, M.O.H. 31/12/47.

Social Conditions and General Characteristics.

The latter half of 1947 was an anxious time for many Districts because Infantile Paralysis was spreading throughout the Country. In spite of a considerable influx of visitors during the Summer this district remained free of any known cases of this sometimes serious disease.

A slight Measles and Whooping Cough epidemic developed towards the latter end of the year, but caused little trouble.

Diphtheria Immunisation proceeded satisfactorily, about 80% of the child population remaining immunised.

The population varied little from other years

1931	=	7550	1944	=	7830	1946	=	7307
1943	=	7981	1945	=	7830	1947	=	7376

Vital Statistics.

DEATHS.		M.		F.	
		1931	1944	1946	1947
All causes		47	55		
Respiratory Tuberculosis		3	1		
Influenza		1	1		
Cancer of stomach & duodenum		1	—		
" " breast		—	1		
" " uterus		—	1		
" " all other sites		7	4		
Diabetes		—	2		
Intracran. vasc. lesions		6	6		
Heart Disease		10	16		
Other circulatory diseases		1	1		
Bronchitis		1	2		
Pneumonia		2	3		
Other respiratory diseases		1	—		
Ulcer of Stomach or duodenum		2	—		
Appendicitis		1	—		
Other digestive diseases		—	1		
Nephritis		3	3		
Puer. & Post-abort. Sepsis		—	1		
Prem. Birth		3	—		
Con. mal. birth inj. infant dis.		—	1		
Suicide		—	1		
All other causes		5	10		
		TOTAL		102	
Death rate per 1,000 population		13.8			

LIVE BIRTHS:	Legitimate	65	45
	Illegitimate	4	8

STILLBIRTHS:	Legitimate	5	2
	Illegitimate	—	—

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR:		TOTAL	7
	Legitimate	4	1
	Illegitimate	—	1

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	49.2	TOTAL	6
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Housing.

This District, like others, has suffered from the shortage of houses; but much progress has been made, although there is still much more to be done.

Since the last report was published, ten houses have been built and let at Delabole, with two more nearing completion; eight houses built and let at Camelford and negotiations pending for further contracts; eight houses built and let at St. Breward and contracts in hand for further houses; and houses well under hand at Boscastle and Advent.

The above record shows that at last progress is being made, but much more remains to be done, as the report on the Housing Survey shows.

PARISH	No. of Houses to be inspected.	No. of Houses inspected.	CLASSIFICATION. CATEGORIES.					No. of Houses over- crowded.	No. of new Houses erected by Council.	
			1	2	3	4	5			
ST. TEATH	...	516	516	79	243	101	58	35	13	6
LESNEWTH	...	17	17	—	—	8	6	3	—	—
FORRABURY & MINSTER	...	169	169	6	56	61	37	9	9	—
ST. JULIOT	...	47	47	2	16	18	8	3	—	—
ST. BREWARD	...	236	236	24	76	59	49	28	16	8
TINTAGEL	...	239	239	42	105	39	30	23	13	—
TREVALGA	...	17	17	4	8	3	1	1	—	—
OTTERHAM	...	39	39	6	14	13	4	2	2	—
ADVENT	...	51	51	1	9	28	10	3	4	—
ST. CLETHON	...	35	35	5	5	14	7	4	1	—
DAVIDSTOW	...	79	79	3	16	34	17	9	3	—
CAMELFORD	...	279	279	51	112	63	44	9	13	7
MICHAELSTOW	...	45	45	6	22	10	7	—	—	—
TOTALS	...	1769	1769	229	682	451	278	129	74	21

CATEGORIES.

1. Satisfactory in all respects.
2. Minor defects.
3. Requiring repair, structural alteration or improvement.
4. Appropriate for re-conditioning.
5. Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at reasonable expense.

The following table also shows the number of Agricultural Cottages required in the district to replace insanitary houses at present occupied by Agricultural Workers:

PARISH.	NUMBER.
Advent	5
Camelford	7
Davidstow	6
Forrabury and Minster	9
Lesnewth	6
Michaelstow	3
Otterham	4
St. Breward	20
St. Clethon	5
St. Juliot	2
St. Teath (including Delabole)	13
Tintagel	14
Trevalga	1
TOTAL	95

I would like again to draw your attention to the erection of two-bedroomed cottages or bungalows for aged couples.

Water Supplies.

Analyses, bacteriological and chemical, were made of all the main supplies, viz :

Camelford, St. Breward, Boscastle and The North Cornwall Joint Water Board. The reports on each are as follows: "The purity continues satisfactory"

There is still the question of the small hamlets. These are badly in need of water and drainage.

Drainage and Sewerage.

This has been repeatedly reported upon in the past, but I am happy to report that as this report goes to print, schemes are in hand for Boscastle, Tintagel, Delabole and St. Teath. The contracts have been let for Boscastle and Tintagel, and work has commenced at Tintagel.

It is hoped that before the publication of another report, all these schemes will be well under way.



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Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1947.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0						
1						
5						
15	1		1	1		
25						
35	2					
45						
55	2		1			
65 and upwards	...							
Totals	5				2	1		

Notifiable Diseases during the year 1947.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Hospital Admission	Total Deaths.
Dysentery	Nil	Nil	Nil
Erysipelas	2	"	"
Malaria	Nil	"	"
Measles	54	"	"
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	"	"
Pneumonia	3	"	5
Poliomyelitis	Nil	"	"
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	"	"
Scarlet Fever	Nil	"	"
Whooping Cough	21	"	"

In conclusion, I think the District can congratulate itself on its progress, and as this will be my last report to you I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council and their Officials for their kindness and help during my period of office as Medical Officer of Health.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

Council Chambers, Camelford,
5th August, 1948.

